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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Werner et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/035,836
Filed	:	December 21, 2001
For	:	SURFACE ASSEMBLY FOR IMMOBILIZING DNA CAPTURE PROBES AND BEAD-BASED ASSAY INCLUDING OPTICAL BIO-DISCS AND METHODS RELATING THERETO
Examiner	:	B.J. Forman
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Dear Sir:

This response to the final Office Action mailed on April 13, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed October 17, 2005 serves as a submission filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application. On October 13, Applicants timely filed a Notice of Appeal thereby preserving the pendency of the instant application. Upon this RCE being deemed proper, Applicants withdraw the instant Notice of Appeal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.